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EAGAN TO BE MADE A SCAPEGOAT FOR SECRETARY ALGER.

Another Court-Martial for Him on New Charges
Likely to Result from the Journal's
Revelations.



General Charles F. Eagan.

GEN. MILES HAS PROVEN HIS CASE.

As the Board of Inquiry's In-
vestigation Draws to an End
the Commissary Department
Waits in Great Fear.

General Belief That a Court-
Martial Will Be Ordered So
Sweeping as to Include Many
Subordinates of Eagan.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Army Board of Inquiry, which is just finishing its investigation of the "embalmed" beef scandal, is practically certain to be followed by a court-martial to establish an individual and personal responsibility.

This is admitted by high Administration officials, who are also frank enough to admit that the plan to make Major-General Miles a scapegoat has utterly collapsed.

A court-martial to locate the personal responsibility for the conditions brought to light by the Inquiry Board will undoubtedly be recommended in its report, soon to be formulated for presentation to the President.

Who will the scapegoat be? The triumphant vindication of General Miles by the evidence taken by the Court of Inquiry, and the semi-official admission that he is no longer to be considered as having failed to substantiate his charges, makes the question of who will have to suffer one of paramount importance to all the staff bureaus under charge of the Secretary of War.

Belief That General Eagan Will Be The Scapegoat.

There are surface indications that the Secretary of War and the Administration propose eventually to put former Commissary General Eagan upon the sacrificial block and to hold him up to the American people as the official responsible for all the incompetency, incapacity and practical criminality shown in the feeding of the American soldiers while in the field.

General Eagan started for the Sandwich Islands some time ago to enjoy there the vacation on full pay which President McKinley gave him in the face of the report of the court-martial. At San Francisco he was halted and is now supposed to be en route to Washington. This fact adds color to the belief that he will have to answer through a court-martial for his complicity in the alleged scheme to furnish the army rotten beef instead of the prime article for which the Government paid.

Many May Be Included in the Court Martial.

At the Judge Advocate-General's office it is stated that while General Eagan is now under sentence of a court-martial this fact does not exempt him from retrial on other charges. It is not likely that a court-martial appointed for the purpose of locating responsibility will confine itself to the case of any one man. Every man in the Commissary Department, the Quartermaster's Department, etc., will doubtless be brought up and made to answer for the shortcomings of his department, so that there is a decided flutter among staff officers of the War Department.

Within the last few days there has been noticeable a great change in the attitude of the War Department officers toward the general commanding the army. They are courting his favor now, evidently believing that the Algerian star is on the wane.

SWIFT & CO. TO BE PAID FOR THE ROTTEN BEEF.

Special Board Has Found the Meat Was
to Be Good Only for 24 Hours
After Leaving the Ship.

Washington, March 24.—Swift & Co., of Chicago, will be paid \$27,000 for the refrigerated beef cargo of the Manitoba, which was so rotten that it had to be dumped overboard.

This case was first published by the Journal, whose charges forced the Secretary of War to order an investigation. It was then developed that he had had knowledge of the destruction of this cargo for two months before the story was published.

General Eagan had asked an investigation because Swift & Co. demanded their money under the loose contract entered into between Eagan and the Swifts. Secretary Alger ordered a special board, which has not yet announced its finding, but which has taken the view of Swift & Co. that the meat was to be good only twenty-four hours after leaving the ship, although the contract reads seventy-two hours after leaving the ship and twenty-four hours after leaving a refrigerator on shore.

NEW AMERICAN 6-INCH GUN THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

Washington, March 24.—The new six-inch fifty-calibre gun for the navy now being constructed at the Washington Navy Yard will be the best gun of that type in the world. It will carry a one hundred pound shell and will use American smokeless powder.

JERSEY LAWMAKERS HELD UP OLD FATHER TIME.

Stopped the Clocks in the Senate and
Assembly to Push Through All
Legislative Business.

The New Jersey Legislature for 1899 adjourned sine die late last night, although the hour fixed for final adjournment was 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Just before that hour the clocks in the two chambers were stopped. A number of bills were passed in the two houses in the afternoon, and then a series of recesses were taken in order to give the Governor time to sign all bills before the session came to an end.

The Senate held an executive session in the afternoon and confirmed all the nominations received from the Governor and unacted upon, with the exception of the nomination of William H. Morrow as a member of the State Board of Education. This Board is bipartisan, and Morrow was nominated as one of the Democratic members. He was a gold democrat in 1896, and his confirmation was objected to by Senator Foster, Democrat, of Hunterdon, who is a silver man.

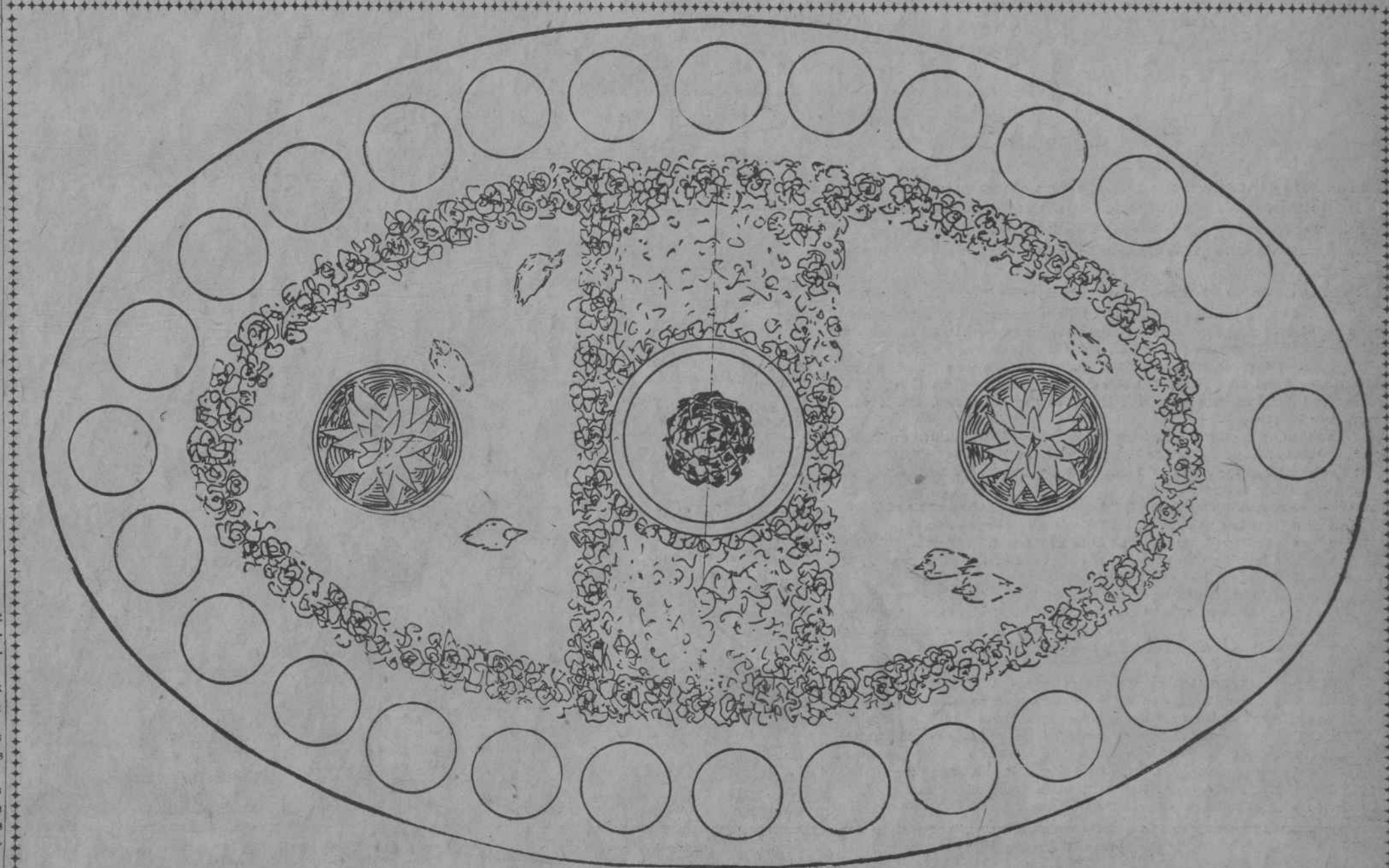
FORMER MILLIONAIRE NOW A BANKRUPT.

Alfred Dolge is Going to Start a Felt
Factory in Chicago for P. D.
Armour.

Binghamton, N. Y., March 24.—Alfred Dolge, who a few brief months ago was a millionaire, is now a bankrupt, obliged to leave Dolgeville, the home of his fathers, penniless. He is not discouraged, but with true American grit will strike out for a new fortune, with every prospect of success.

A number of New York firms, believing that Mr. Dolge had a hidden fortune, began supplementary proceedings, and more than six hundred typewritten pages of testimony were taken. The result was that Mr. Dolge proved conclusively that he had not defrauded his creditors, but is today a poor man.

HOW YOUNG VANDERBILT BADE FAREWELL TO BACHELOR LIFE.



DESIGN OF THE TABLE FOR THE VANDERBILT DINNER GIVEN LAST NIGHT AT SHERRY'S.

It was young William K.'s farewell dinner to his bachelor friends. Covers were laid at an oblong table for twenty-seven persons. In the centre was a beautiful fountain, that seemed to shower rubies and diamonds. This was flanked by ponds at each end of the table. The banks were constructed of American Beauty roses, and in the ponds live ducks disported themselves and seemed to wonder why there was gold leaf at the bottom instead of mud.

LEITER DIAMONDS LOST IN BOMBAY.

Vicereine's Two Sisters, on
Arrival, Miss Their
Jewel Case.

SEARCH BY THE POLICE.

After Several Hours the Gems
Are Found with a Fellow
Passenger's Baggage.

Special Cable to the Journal.

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Bombay, March 24.—The Misses Dalry and Nanny Leiter, of Chicago, sisters of Lady Curzon, Vicereine of India, on arriving here to-day made the startling discovery, soon after landing, that valuable jewels of the Leiter family which they had brought with them were lost. The sisters of Lady Curzon were thereupon the centre of great consternation in officialdom. The court being now at Simla, for which capital the young women were en route, the knowledge of the loss did not reach Lady Curzon till later.

The Misses Leiter were met by the secretary of the Viceroy. He escorted them to the residence of Captain Goodridge, where they discovered that the dressing case containing all their jewelry was missing.

It was believed that a bold robbery had been committed. The whole force of Bombay police were instantly notified. Four detectives were employed to assist the police. A systematic search was instituted and for several hours there was intense excitement in official circles, owing to the high position of the visitors and the value of the missing gems.

Late in the afternoon the excitement subsided suddenly. The Leiter diamonds had been found in Government House with the baggage of Lord Sandhurst, with which the jewel case had accidentally been placed on leaving the ship.

MISS COCKRELL WILL NAME THE MISSOURI.

Daughter of the Senator is Invited to
Christen the Great Battle Ship
Now Building.

Washington, March 24.—The Secretary of the Navy has invited Miss Marion Cockrell, daughter of Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, to christen the battle ship Missouri, now in course of construction at Newport News.

The vessel is to be launched next October. It is of the same class as the Maine and Ohio, and is expected to be a great fighting machine.

LOST THE LIBERTY THAT SHE SCORNE

"I Will Not Purchase It by
an Acknowledgment
of Guilt."

ONE MORE YEAR TO SERVE.

Woman Convict Demands Par-
don Instead of Parole and
Must Remain in Prison.

Indianapolis, March 24.—The parole which Governor Mount offered to Augusta Schmidt has been revoked. The woman refused to accept it, demanding a full pardon or nothing.

She is serving a ten-year sentence in the woman's prison here, having been convicted at Lafayette of the murder of Oscar Walton, a Cass County farmer, in 1894.

The woman has but a year longer to serve, and many of the leading citizens of Lafayette, her home, petitioned for her parole, so that she could care for her children. She has always maintained that she is innocent of the crime. Governor Mount granted the parole several days ago, but she said she would not leave the institution until the Judge who sentenced her and the jury which found her guilty had signed a statement that she was wrongfully convicted. This is the first case in the history of the institution where freedom has been offered and refused.

The authorities did not know what to do, but after a consultation it was decided that their only course was to revoke the parole. This was done, and Mrs. Schmidt expressed delight at the action.

The woman's husband and three children were discovered in a furnished condition at their home in Lafayette, in December. The father was ill, and the children nearly starved. The woman's Christian Home went to their rescue. The father was sent to a hospital, and the children quartered in the home. Schmidt soon recovered and found employment. Then the family was reunited, and immediate steps were taken to secure the mother's release.

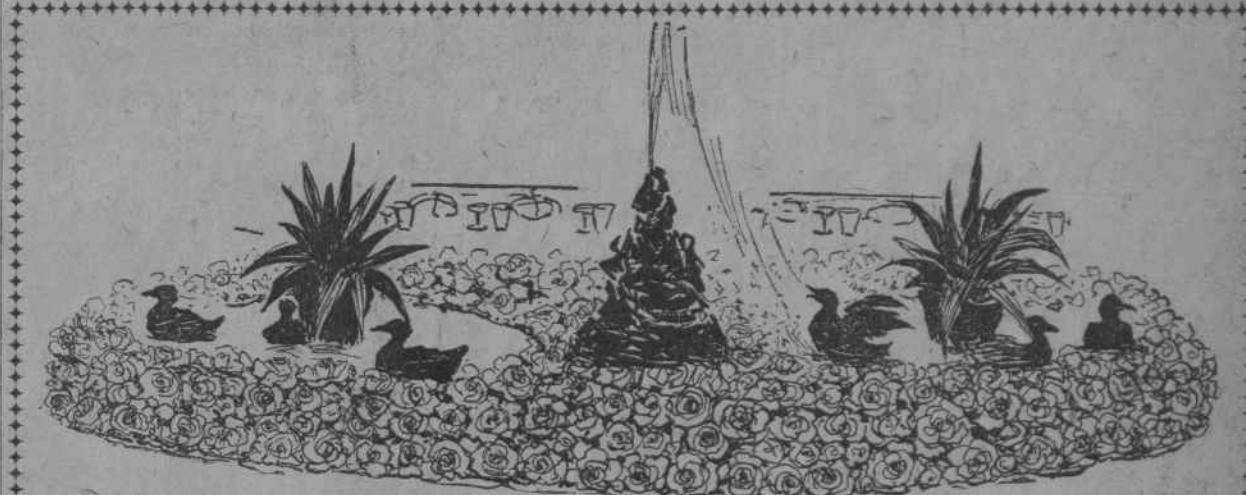
With the news that Governor Mount had paroled her there was great rejoicing in the humble little home. Preparations were made for her reception by the devoted husband and children. They even wrote to her imploring her to hasten her return.

But to all appeals the woman steadily turned a deaf ear. "I am innocent of the crime for which I was convicted," she said, "and will take nothing less than a pardon. I don't want liberty purchased by an acknowledgment of guilt."

WILL JOIN THIS STRIKE.

Philadelphia, March 24.—Six thousand garment makers in this city are preparing to go on strike to-morrow at noon. They demand higher wages, a fair price for Government work and the abolition of subcontractors.

Around a Table in the Centre of Which Was a Sparkling Fountain Flanked by
Two Ponds, with Live Ducks Disporting Themselves in Water, Twenty-
Seven Friends of the Millionaire Drank to the Bride-to-be.



The Centrepiece and a Glimpse of the Ponds of the Vanderbilt Banquet Table.

This picture shows only a part of the magnificence of the table around which the bachelor friends of young William K. Vanderbilt assembled at Sherry's last night. Clear around the table extended a floral fortification which glistened under the spray of a perfumed fountain that stood in the centre of the table. In the ponds were real live ducks.

THE VANDERBILT MENU.

Hors d'oeuvres
Potage Marmite
Escalopes de Saumon, Drumont
Salade Japonaise
Sole d'Agnes
Pommes Bernaise
Frites
Jambon de Virginie glace aux champignons
Epinalais au jus
Asperges, sautes
Mousseline
Poussins
Mignons a la Broche
Salade Aulante
Glace Coupe
Au Fraises
Gâteaux
Fromage
Fruit
Cafe
Le 24 Mars, 1899.

what have here been called, irreverently,

duck ponds.

In the ponds did ducks never swim. Titania might take swimming lessons in them with gratification. The sides and bottom of each pond were the thickest of gold leaf—which is just as good as real gold to the eyes of a duck, and just as inferior to nice mud. The bank of roses already spoken of formed also the banks of the golden duck ponds, and in the centre of each duck pond was a little island on which grew a pretty white flowering shrub.

As nature has not provided ducks of superior character to swim at millionaire bachelor dinner parties, it was necessary to be content with ducks that are worth no more per pound than other fat ducks, with some attention to whiteness of plumage and tractability of temper. A Roman youth giving a dinner party with duck pond accessories would probably have gilded the birds, but that would have been cruel. Nevertheless, the duck question gave rise to a little flurry of excitement at the eleventh hour.

At 5:30 yesterday evening Miss Fair but-

tered into the banquet room—which is on Sherry's third floor, looking into Forty-fourth street—intent on putting the final touches to everything. She was greeted by a chorus of deep-throated "quacks." In each of the golden ponds swam three large birds—birds so robust and well nourished that any poultryer with an eye to business would make a special display of them.

They were strong swimmers and they

knew it. They were constructed on battle ship lines and needed plenty of sea room. They had a great deal to say; they had some kind of vendetta among themselves, and they appeared anxious to leave the room.

"That wasn't my idea at all!" exclaimed Miss Fair in dismay. "That would spoil the effect entirely. They are too large, those ducks, and too noisy and too rough. If large birds were required we would have ordered swans, which are much nicer. Take those away and bring small ducks—the smallest you can get."

Sherry's men descended upon the large ducks and bore them, quacking flapping to the lower regions, and their next appearance will probably be made in association with green peas and brown gravy.

And after much excitement and running about, half a dozen pretty and well-behaved ducklings were brought, with clipped wings, to swim in the golden ponds, peck experimentally at the banquet room—which is on Sherry's third floor, looking into Forty-fourth street—intent on putting the final touches to everything. She was greeted by a chorus of deep-throated "quacks." In each of the golden ponds swam three large birds—birds so robust and well nourished that any poultryer with an eye to business would make a special display of them.

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They were exceedingly young, these charming bachelors—so young that Sydney Smith and Roman Baldwin, who are counted among the young set in the 400, looked and declared that they felt like patriarchs. They were not all New Yorkers, by any means; for William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., has made some of his warmest